

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

2021 - 2022 Winter Preparedness Policy Session Agenda
160 N. LaSalle St., Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois
November 18, 2021, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Moderator: **Maya Nevels**, Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel

The Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) will address winter preparedness by looking to representatives of regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and Illinois local distribution companies (LDCs) to assure Illinois customers that this year's winter energy demand will be met. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General (AG), the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and the National Consumer Law Center will also present from Illinois customers' perspective.

In particular, the Commission requests that participating institutions address the following topics:

- ❖ The RTOs will discuss their readiness to satisfy electric reliability during the 2021-2022 winter months and their preparedness to deal with any potential weather and/or cyber security risks during the winter months.
- ❖ The LDCs will discuss their preparedness to satisfy the winter energy demand of Illinois customers; particularly as it relates to gas storage, gas prices, and energy efficiency measures for the 2021-2022 winter months.
- ❖ The Consumer advocates will discuss COVID-related and other economic challenges facing Illinois customers and advance strategies and policy options to mitigate those challenges during the winter months.

Welcome Remarks

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

Carrie Zalewski, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission

Overview of the Winter Policy Session

1:05 – 1:15 p.m.

Joe Fallah, Economic and Policy Advisor to Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel

RTOs' Perspective

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Bob Kuzman, Regional Director Customer Affairs – Central Region, Midcontinent Independent System Operator

JT Smith, Senior Director, Operations Planning, Midcontinent Independent System Operator

Stephen Bennett, Manager, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, PJM Interconnection

Illinois LDCs' Perspective

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Gas Supply/Operations

Tom Smith, Manager Gas Supply, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas

Customer Outreach

Ellen Rendos, Director, Credit, Collections, and Remittance, Nicor Gas

Energy Efficiency

Erin Rasmussen, Director, Energy Efficiency, MidAmerican Energy Company

Break

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Illinois Advocates' Perspective

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Susan Satter, Chief, Public Utilities Bureau, Office of the Illinois Attorney General

Julie Soderna, General Counsel, Citizens Utility Board

Karen Lusson, Staff Attorney, National Consumer Law Center

Closing Remarks

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Joe Fallah, Economic and Policy Advisor to Commissioner D. Ethan Kimbrel

Carrie Zalewski, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission